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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2004. Attached is a Request for Extension of Time from May 21 to June 21 to respond to the Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects the invention of group II, claims 4-9. The applicants retain the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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